

HB 2483-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that additional safeguards are necessary in the approval for receipt of child care subsidies by unlicensed child care providers to ensure the safety of Washington's children. In order to provide the safest environment for children, the department must provide the division with known information regarding an applicants' history of child maltreatment when an applicant seeks approval for the receipt of child care subsidies.

Provides that, except as limited by chapter 49.12 RCW, at the conclusion of the division's investigation, an applicant has the right to review his or her entire investigative file, or any other file maintained by the administration relating to child maltreatment as addressed in this section and to attach rebuttals to any documents as the applicant deems necessary. Rebuttal documents shall be disclosed in the same manner as the documents to which they are attached.

Does not provide a right to access information that would otherwise be redacted by the administration for the purpose of maintaining confidentiality of persons reporting alleged child abuse or neglect or of children who are the alleged victims of abuse or neglect. The provisions of this act do not supersede the protections provided individuals under the state whistleblower laws in chapter 42.41 RCW.